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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I feel it necessary to voice my opposition to the proposed settlement. As a professional software developer for the Windows and Linux platforms I have had the opportunity to see just how much illegal bundling has been permitted into Microsoft's Windows 2000 and particularly Windows XP.

By experience, I have observed a continual loss of flexibility and freedom with each progressive version of Windows. I have begun to look more towards Linux as a desired platform because my rights as an end user and developer are respected there. Unfortunately, as a professional, I must continue to support the Windows environment at this time despite my personal dislike for the Anti-competitive behavior Microsoft has been exhibiting.

I urge you to reconsider the issues placed before you and reject the settlement for the well stated reasons listed here:
<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>

As the proposal stands, it would do nothing to curb the illegal behaviors and could possibly even result in a greater monopoly holding.

Don't allow Microsoft to take away more freedoms and also permit more companies to be put out of business through Microsoft's proven illegal behaviors.

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